

\*\*\*\*\*March 9, 2020\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum  
Councilmember Cheryl Graham  
Councilmember Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the February 10, 2019 meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the February 24, 2020 meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The corrected minutes for the December 17, 2020 meeting were presented. There being no changes, the corrected minutes were approved.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Lolly Durant, Signal Mountain Boulevard, spoke in support of the Mountain Arts Community Center (see attached copy of remarks).

Cheryl Carico, Crown Point East, stated there are no reflectors on her road. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that reflectors get scraped off during snow removal. He said they will be replaced soon.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2019 HONDA PIONEER ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE, TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BID 2020-02, FROM SOUTHERN HONDA POWERSPORTS, CHATTANOOGA

TENNESSEE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY- EIGHT DOLLARS AND 16 CENTS (\$15,858.16) TO BE USED BY THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

2. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CTI ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN, BIDDING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A WATER LINE RELOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH A TDOT SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT BETWEEN PALISADES ROAD AND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00).”

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

3. “A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY PRESERVATION FUND AND THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

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Mayor Landrum disclosed that his spouse is the Director of the SMEPF.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

4. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW CATERPILLAR ENGINE FOR A 939C TRACK-LOADER FROM STOWERS MACHINERY CORPORATION, CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE, AS A SOLE SOURCE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), INCLUDE INSTALLATION, TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Mr. Veal said this action is expected to extend the useful life of this piece of equipment by an additional 5 years.

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

### **Ordinances**

1. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2019-13, ENTITLED THE “FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE,” SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR.”

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the ordinance was approved.

### **Resolutions**

5. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BRIAN SITTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF FORTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$42,401.50), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR A CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON STRATFORD WAY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,300.00) IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS.

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal introduced the new Water Utility Director, Adam Chrnalogar.

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Mr. Veal spoke about the meeting with Walden's Ridge Utility District (WRUD). He said the Water Department will investigate the subsurface conditions of Miles Road, and that WRUD will provide the cost of construction materials.

Mr. Veal reported that the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) Board will hold a day camp from June 15 to June 22.

Mr. Veal said the Playhouse has completed a play that did very well.

Mr. Veal stated that in the past there have been some plays where the MACC lost money. He said he has re-negotiated the agreement for the next play in the "Twisted Roots" series. The MACC will get a guaranteed \$1,250 and will receive a percentage of ticket sales above what is budgeted.

Mr. Veal said staff is also updating the agreements with teachers who utilize the MACC facilities.

Mr. Veal reported that a recent Insurance Services Office (ISO) review of the Fire Department resulted in a decrease (improvement) of the ISO rating from a 3 to a 2. This placed the Town in the top 4% of fire departments in the nation.

Mr. Veal said that the 2020 Census mailing should have now reached 95% of Town residents. For the first time, residents are now able to respond to the census on-line. He said that staff will be placing information on the Town's website regarding this process.

Mr. Veal reminded the Council that the first budget worksession will be a special meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Veal said that he, Mayor Landrum and Mr. Guin will be at the Tennessee Municipal League conference in Nashville on Monday & Tuesday next week.

Mr. Veal spoke about the Covid 19 concerns. He said that first responders will be kept updated on any protective measures and that the dispatch center will inform them of any special protocols. He said that the Town's insurance offers Teledoc for employees who do not wish to go the medical facilities.

### **Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the March 23, 2020 meeting.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Landrum said he has been unsuccessful getting Town Boards to send minutes to the Council. Council discussed having Liaisons bring them to the regular Council meetings. Mr. Veal suggested sending a letter to each of the Board Chairpersons with a formal request to have minutes done and sent as soon after meetings as possible. Council agreed to have the Mayor sign that letter.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Dan Landrum, Mayor

  
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Recorder